

blocking position and an unblocking position while inhibiting the first door panel from rotating about a vertical axis.

2. (Once Amended) The door of claim 1, wherein the first door panel is able to transmit a compressive load within the plane and having a magnitude [of] which is at least equal to the weight of the resilient core.

3. (Once Amended) The door of claim 1, wherein the first door panel is able to transmit a compressive load within the plane and having a magnitude [of] which is at least equal to the weight of the resilient core plus the weight of the flexible covering.

10. (Once Amended) A door for at least partially covering a doorway in a wall and being able to recover from an impact, comprising:  
a resilient core;  
a flexible covering that at least partially covers the resilient  
core to comprise a first door panel having a relaxed shape disposed along a  
plane, wherein the first door panel is able to substantially recover its relaxed  
shape after the impact causes appreciable distortion in the first door panel, and  
the first door panel is able to transmit in a direction within the plane a  
compressive load and do so without appreciable distortion to the first door  
panel;

an actuation system coupled to the first door panel to render the first door panel moveable laterally to the doorway between a doorway blocking position and an unblocking position while inhibiting the first door panel from rotating about a vertical axis; and [The door of claim 1, further comprising]

a plurality of backup plates interposed between the resilient core and the flexible covering, wherein the plurality of backup plates have a rigidity greater than that of the resilient core and the flexible covering.

15. (Once Amended) A door for at least partially covering a doorway in a wall and being able to recover from an impact, comprising:

a resilient core;

a flexible covering that at least partially covers the resilient core to comprise a first door panel having a relaxed shape disposed along a plane, wherein the first door panel is able to substantially recover its relaxed shape after the impact causes appreciable distortion in the first door panel, and the first door panel is able to transmit in a direction within the plane a compressive load and do so without appreciable distortion to the first door panel;

an actuation system having a carrier coupled to the first door panel to render the first door panel moveable laterally to the doorway between a doorway blocking position and an unblocking position while inhibiting the

first door panel from rotating about a vertical axis; and [The door of claim 1,  
further comprising]

a support beam coupled to the carrier and interposed between  
the resilient core and the flexible covering.

**Please add the following new claims:**

29. The door of claim 1, wherein the first door panel is vertically compressible by a force in the plane having a magnitude above the first threshold and is further able to recover its relaxed shape after the force is at least one of reduced below the first threshold and removed.

30. The door of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of backup plates interposed between the resilient core and the flexible covering, wherein the plurality of backup plates have a rigidity greater than that of the resilient core and the flexible covering.

31. The door of claim 30, wherein the plurality of backup plates are spaced apart from each other.

32. The door of claim 30, wherein the plurality of backup plates define a clearance therebetween that allows a pair of adjacent backup plates to move relative to each other.

33. The door of claim 30, further comprising a replaceable seal secured between a cover plate and one of the plurality of backup plates.

34. The door of claim 33, wherein the first door panel has a substantially planar face and the replaceable seal protrudes out of coplanar alignment therewith.

35. The door of claim 1, further comprising a carrier securing the first door panel to the actuation system and a support beam coupled to the carrier and interposed between the resilient core and the flexible covering.

36. A door for at least partially covering a doorway in a wall and being able to recover from an impact, comprising:

a resilient core;

a flexible covering that at least partially covers the resilient core to comprise a first door panel having a relaxed shape disposed along a plane, wherein the first door panel is able to substantially recover its relaxed shape after the impact causes appreciable distortion in the first door panel, and

the first door panel is vertically compressible by a force in a direction within the plane having a magnitude above a first threshold and is further able to recover its relaxed shape after the force is at least one of reduced below the first threshold and removed; and

an actuation system coupled to the first door panel to render the first door panel moveable laterally to the doorway between a doorway blocking position and an unblocking position while inhibiting the first door panel from rotating about a vertical axis.

37. A door for at least partially covering a doorway in a wall and being able to recover from an impact, comprising:

a resilient core;

a flexible covering that at least partially covers the resilient core to comprise a first door panel having a relaxed shape disposed along a plane, wherein the first door panel is able to substantially recover its relaxed shape after the impact causes appreciable distortion in the first door panel, and the first door panel is able to transmit in a direction within the plane a compressive load and do so without appreciable distortion to the first door panel;

an actuation system coupled to the first door panel to render the first door panel moveable laterally to the doorway between a doorway